

# Regular Features



## Letters

Employees are invited to write letters of general interest on work-related topics. Anonymous letters will not be printed. We reserve the right to edit letters or not to accept letters for publication. Send your letters to the *Reach*, B3-30, or to \*Hanford Reach on e-mail. Include your name, company, work group and location. Opinions expressed are those of the author and not of DOE-RL, ORP or their contractors.

## Thank you Fluor

I didn't get a chance to send this yesterday or call you to tell you thank you!

Back-to-school will be a little better thanks to the generosity of Fluor and all its employees. Know that these wonderful backpacks are having a tremendous impact in getting children excited and prepared for school. Furthermore, your personal participation keeps our staff encouraged and inspired. The baseball game was a great end of summer celebration. I am honored to call you guys our "partner."

Thank you!

**Kellee Magnuson**  
*Boys and Girls Club*



Members of the Boys and Girls Club Sprucewood Unit trudge home wearing backpacks filled with donated school supplies. These children received three of the 300 backpacks that volunteers from Fluor Hanford and Fluor Federal Services presented to area school children as part of Fluor's global service project called "Building Futures."



## Calendar

### Hanford Technical Library tour set for Sept. 4

The Hanford Technical Library is offering a tour on Sept. 4 from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. at the Consolidated Information Center on the Washington State University Tri-Cities campus in Richland. Find out what services, materials and specialized collections are available to you in the library and on your desk top. For more information, contact Yung Harbison at 372-7453 or at [Yung.Harbison@pnl.gov](mailto:Yung.Harbison@pnl.gov).

### NAPM meets Sept. 4

The Sept. 4 dinner meeting of the Columbia Basin chapter of the National Association of Purchasing Management will feature Todd Arnold, assistant professor of marketing at Washington State Uni-

versity Tri-Cities. The meeting begins at 5 p.m. at the Richland Shilo Inn. The cost is \$17.50 for dinner. Make your reservation by calling 544-6718 or by e-mail to [mmoore@simplot.com](mailto:mmoore@simplot.com) by close of business Sept. 2.

### IHS Standards and Vendor Catalog Databases

On Sept. 4, Chris Hilby of Information Handling Services will present three demonstrations around the Hanford Site to teach engineers, purchasing professionals and technicians how to use some of the most popular engineering databases available from the Hanford Technical Library. The databases include Specs & Standards, TextAdvantage Plus (1998 and 2001 American Society of Mechanical Engineers' Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code) and CatalogXpress (vendor catalogs from over 16,000 manufacturers). The times and locations are: 9-

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10:30 a.m. in room G110 at 2704-HV; noon-1 p.m. in room 101R of the Consolidated Information Center; and 2:30-4 p.m. in room 153 of 2420 Stevens Center. For more information, contact Karen Buxton at 372-7451 or at karen.buxton@pnl.gov.

### Great American Songbook Concert set for Sept. 6

Steve Haberman and Friends present "The Great American Songbook" concert at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 6 at Chief Joseph Middle School Auditorium in Richland. Steve Haberman, Mary Lou Gnoza, John LaChapelle and other Tri-City musicians perform best-loved songs of stage and screen from the last three decades. The concert benefits the Mid-Columbia Symphony. Tickets are \$10, \$15 and \$20, with all seats reserved. Get tickets at the Battelle Performing Arts Business Center (at 716 Jadwin), by calling 943-ARTS, or at the door.

### PMI Chapter tours Dry Spent Fuel Storage

The Columbia River Basin Chapter of the Project Management Institute will tour the Dry Spent Fuel Storage Project at the Energy Northwest Hanford Generating Station on Tuesday, Sept. 9. The tour group will depart from the Stevens Center complex at 5:15 p.m., and return at approximately 7:30. Supper will be provided. This tour is limited to 30 people. You must have a reservation to attend; no walk-ins will be taken on the tour. The cost is \$10 for the tour and supper and \$5 for the tour only. Make your reservation by contacting Terri Witherspoon at Terri\_T-Witherspoon@rl.gov by noon Sept. 5.

### Donate blood at HAMMER on Sept. 9

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Tuesday, Sept. 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Al Alm Building Vehicle Bay at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. To schedule an appointment, contact Libby Sickler at 376-7117.

### Duratek sponsors golf tournament on Sept. 11

The United Way scramble golf tournament,

sponsored by Duratek, is scheduled for Sept. 11 at Canyon Lakes Golf Course in Kennewick. The shotgun start is at 1 p.m. All proceeds go to the United Way. For more information, visit [www.duratekinc.com](http://www.duratekinc.com), under "Client News," or contact Angie Gagnon at 376-0804.

### Free presentation on middle-market mergers

Tom McDowell, senior vice president of Windswept Capital in Seattle will give a free presentation, "Middle-Market Mergers and Acquisitions: Dead or Alive?" on Tuesday, Sept. 16, at the Richland Community Center, 500 Amon Park Drive, from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. Windswept Capital ([www.windcap.com](http://www.windcap.com)) is an investment-banking and management-consulting firm serving Northwest companies with annual revenues of \$5 million to \$200 million and Northwest-based emerging technology firms with revenues of less than \$5 million. The presentation is hosted by the Three Rivers Venture Group, an interest group of Mid-Columbia entrepreneurs and business supporters. Reserve your spot for the presentation by contacting Gracie Downard at [gracie.downard@pnl.gov](mailto:gracie.downard@pnl.gov) or at 375-2803.

### AACE holds meeting Sept. 16

Kris Watkins, president and chief executive officer of the Tri-Cities Visitor and Convention Bureau, and Dean Strawn, president of the Kennewick Public Facilities District, will discuss the "Tri-Cities Convention Center, Economic Advantages and Construction Cost Analysis" at the Sept. 16 meeting of the Rattlesnake Mountain Chapter of the Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering at the Richland Shilo Inn. The social time begins at 5:30 p.m., dinner is at 6 and the program begins at 6:30. The cost for members is \$18 and the cost for non-members is \$20. Make your reservation before 2 p.m. on Sept. 11 by contacting Daniel Muehleisen at 372-2408 or at [Daniel\\_P\\_Muehleisen@rl.gov](mailto:Daniel_P_Muehleisen@rl.gov).

### Panel discussion broadcast on raising capital

MIT Enterprise Forum presents a free satellite broad-

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cast, “No Money Down: Raising Capital from Unconventional Sources,” on Thursday, Sept. 18, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Washington State University Tri-Cities campus. Panel members include Vic Petri, global leader of the Software and Internet Sector for Pricewaterhouse Coopers; Jake Karrfalt, president and chief executive officer of Alternative System Concepts; Pamela Lipson, CEO and president of Imagen, Inc.; and Bernd Schoner, managing partner of ThingMagic, LLC. The panelists will speak about their successful experiences in generating non-investment capital. The broadcast is co-hosted by WSU-TC and Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. For more information, contact Gary Spanner at 372-4296 or at [gary.spanner@pnl.gov](mailto:gary.spanner@pnl.gov).

### Safety and Health Conference takes place Oct. 3

“Emerging Issues in Safety and Health” is the title of the third Safety and Health Conference Oct. 3, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. The topics will emphasize the safety challenges presented by emerging issues such as an aging workforce, regulatory shifts, funding restrictions and emergency planning in today’s troubled world. The Lower Columbia Basin Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers, the Tri-City Education Committee of the Pacific Northwest Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association, and the Northwest Chapter of the System Safety Society are sponsoring the conference. The conference fee is \$125 (\$100 for speakers, \$45 for students). The fee includes lunch and refreshments. Attendees will receive 0.7 continuing education credits or 1 CIH Certification Maintenance Point. Eight speakers, a nationally known keynote speaker and a HAMMER tour are planned. For more information, contact John Cavanaugh at 373-9625 or at [john\\_e\\_jr\\_cavanaugh@rl.gov](mailto:john_e_jr_cavanaugh@rl.gov), or John Hinckley at 371-4408 or at [jhinckle@bechtel.com](mailto:jhinckle@bechtel.com).

### Heart Walk scheduled for Oct. 11

Mark your calendars for Oct. 11, the date of the Tri-Cities Heart Walk. Now in its 11th year, the Heart Walk is the core fund-raising event benefiting the American Heart Association. AHA’s goal is to help reduce coronary heart disease, stroke and risk by 25 percent in Washington by the year 2010. The registration for the walk is at 9 a.m. and the walk will start at 10. Teams of walkers are forming; call your company representative to sign up. At press time the following company representatives had been identified: Calvin Dudney, Fluor Hanford, 373-6267; Bryan Kidder, CH2M HILL, 372-0803; Dale Denham, Bechtel Hanford, 372-9226; Sandra Linfoot, Battelle, 372-6736; and Ann Shattuck, Fluor Federal Services, 376-8456.

### Northwest Purchasing Conference on Oct. 9-11

The National Association of Purchasing Management-Columbia Basin will host the Pacific Northwest Purchasing Conference Oct. 9-11 at the Kennewick Red Lion Hotel. The conference will feature speakers, workshops, programs and a trade show related to purchasing, materials management and supply-chain management. For more information, consult the conference program Web page at <http://www.napmcb.org/conference/60thPurConf2003.htm>. ♦



### Classes

#### D2000 PROTRAIN offers software training

##### Primavera Project Planning

- P-3 601, Sept. 15-17
- P-3 602, Sept. 18
- P-3 603, Sept. 19

##### Crystal Reports 8

- Introduction, Sept. 29
- Advanced, Sept. 30

##### Excel 2002 XP

- Beginning, Sept. 4
- Intermediate, Sept. 11

**Access 2002 XP** — Starts the week of Sept. 15-17

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### MS Project 2000

- Beginning, Sept. 22
- Intermediate, Sept. 23

**Windows XP Upgrade** — Sept. 26

**Office XP Upgrade** — Sept. 10

For more information, contact Sarah at 375-0414 or at [sarah@protrainsys.com](mailto:sarah@protrainsys.com). Group discounts are available.

### Safety Systems training offered at HAMMER

D2000 Safety Systems will be offering OSHA training for scaffolding at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center on Sept. 9-11. “Scaffolds-Competent Person” will train employees to identify the proper ways to erect scaffolding, will explain the hazards associated with scaffolding, and will train employees to recognize the responsibilities of a competent person. This training meets the OSHA criteria required for the classification of a competent person. The cost for the class is \$595. Register by calling D2000 Safety Systems at (800) 551-87630.

### TFE offers classes on environmental regulation, waste management

Environmental Training Management Division Training, a division of Technical and Field Engineering, Inc., is offering the courses listed below in Richland. To register, or for more information, visit [www.etmdtraining.com](http://www.etmdtraining.com).

- **Environmental Laws and Regulations Course** — Sept. 9-11. Cost is \$595. Topics covered include: Atomic Energy Act; National Environmental Policy Act; Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; and Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act.
- **DOE O 435.1 Radioactive Waste Management Training** — Sept. 15-17. Cost is \$800. The course consist of five modules: introduction, overview, and goals; low-level waste; low-level waste disposal; transuranic waste; and high-level waste.
- **Management of Polychlorinated Biphenyls** —

Sept. 23-25. Cost is \$780. Learning modules include background of PCB information (physical, chemical and toxicological properties) and discussion of 40 CFR 761.

- **Cleanup Site Closure: Integrating Regulatory and Administrative Activities** — Oct. 6-7. Cost is \$490. Topics covered planning, activities and documentation related to CERCLA and RCRA.

### Basic mediation training offered this fall

The Benton Franklin Dispute Resolution Center will present “40-Hour Basic Mediation Training,” on Sept. 15, 16, 17, 30 and Oct. 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily at the Consolidated Information Center, Washington State University Tri-Cities campus. This training is open to all who want to become mediators or gain a higher degree of conflict management resolution skills. The course was designed and is taught by a team of experienced and practicing BFDRC mediators and trainers. The cost is \$500 per person, which includes all training materials plus a light breakfast, lunch and snacks each day. Contact the Benton Franklin Dispute Resolution Center at 783-3325 to request a registration form and submit payment. The registration deadline is Sept. 8.

### Professional development classes in September

The Tri-Cities Technical Council, an organization that represents local professional societies, will sponsor continuing education and professional development courses to be held 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Royal Hotel and Conference Center in Richland. The following courses are scheduled for October:

- **Leadership and Communication** — Oct. 10. The cost is \$295 for AIHA members and \$375 for non-members.
- **Construction and Contract Law** — Oct. 10-11. The cost is \$895 for ASCE members and \$1,095 for non-members.
- **Six Sigma for Global Competiveness** — Oct. 10-11. The cost is \$795 for American Institute of Chemical Engineers and \$955 for non-members.

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- **Conceptual Development and Cost Estimating** — Oct. 10-11. The cost is \$795 for AIChE members and \$955 for non-members.
- **Heat Stress** — Oct. 24. The cost is \$295 for AIHA members and \$375 for non-members.
- **Design-Build Contracting** — Oct 24-25. The cost is \$895 for ASCE members and \$1,095 for non-members.
- **Automatic Control (Advanced)** — Oct 24-25. The cost is \$795 for AIChE members and \$955 for non-members.
- **Effective Communication** — Oct. 24-25. The cost is \$795 for AIChE members and \$955 for non-members.

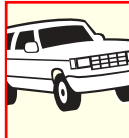
Registration is due four weeks ahead of the course date. Students will earn Continuing Education Units or Certification Maintenance points. To register for the AIChE courses, send checks to the Columbia Valley Section of AIChE, P.O. Box 305, Richland, WA 99352. To register for the ASCE courses, send checks to Tri-Cities Technical Council, P.O. Box 1483, Richland, WA 99352. For more information or to register for the AIHA course, contact Marve Hyman at 375-0222.

### Resource Training Institute, LLC, offers courses

The Resource Training Institute, LLC, will offer the following classes in Richland:

- **DOE O 435.1 Radioactive Waste Management Training** — Sept. 16-18, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Cleanup Site Closure: Integrating Regulatory and Administrative Activities** — Oct. 14-15, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

To register, contact the RTI registrar at (803) 652-8830 or at registrar@rtii.org. For the full course schedule visit <http://www.rtii.org>. ♦



### Vanpools

**Vanpool ads are run for two weeks. Ads must be resubmitted to run in subsequent issues of the *Hanford Reach*. The deadline for submission is Thursday, 10 days prior to publication.**

Day and Zimmermann Protection Technology Hanford reminds employees to wear their badges while on site and be prepared to show them when passing through a barricade. Vehicle drivers are responsible for ensuring their passengers are badged prior to leaving their point of embarkation. A vehicle driver who transports an unbadged person through a barricade and the unbadged person will be issued Security Incident Notices and the unbadged person will be escorted off site. Re-entry is not allowed until a proper badge is obtained.

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### KENNEWICK

New van pool to 2704-HV and vicinity will start Oct. 1. Looking for riders that live in or near the east Kennewick area. We are considering picking up riders at their homes and delivering them to their work area. Winter is coming and gas prices are rising. Call **Debbie Turnbow** at 372-2698 (day number). 9/2

Express vanpool to 200E leaves from Albertson's on Clearwater and Edison. Drops off in the vicinity of 2750, MO-384, WESF and LEF. Call **Scott** at 372-0473 or **Max** at 373-9161. 8/25

Riders needed for Vanpool No. 97, 8x9s. Rate as low as \$54.20 per month. Picks up at Shopko at 6 a.m. and the Federal Building at 6:10. Drops off at 2750-E and 2740-HV. Contact **Mike Bryden** at 373-4624. 8/25

Tired of high gas bills and congested traffic? Join our vanpool. Picks up at Chuck E Cheese and drops off at 2750, 2719-EA, WESF, CSB or 2704-HV. Call **Beth** at 376-0971 or **Barb** at 373-2006. 8/25

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### PASCO

Van No.213 needs riders to 200E. Picks up at Desert Ice, across from the Broadmoor Mall off Road 100 at 6:05 a.m. Drops off at 2750-E and ends at 2704-HV. Arrives back at Desert Ice around 5:15 p.m. Backup drivers appreciated. Contact **Douglas Bailey** at 373-2392 or at douglas\_m\_bailey@rl.gov or **Steve Boothe** at 376-6812 or at Stephen\_G\_Boothe@rl.gov. 9/2

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### RICHLAND

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Vanpool Express (with a new van) to 200E needs several riders, 8x9s. Monthly rate as low as \$35. Leaves former Hanford bus lot (across from 2440 Stevens) at 6:25 a.m. and drops off at 2750-E local area. Will also pick up and drop off along route to and from bus lot: from Albany Ct. north on Alder, east on Bismark, north on McMurray and north on Stevens Drive. Contact **Dave Hedengren** at 373-5094. 8/25

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### YAKIMA

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Riders needed for a vanpool from Yakima to 400, 300 and 1100 Areas and the Federal Building. The van operates Monday-Friday, with morning pickups at Park 'n Ride (east of Target) at approximately 5:30 a.m. and final pickup at East Valley Market around 5:40 a.m. The driving route is along State Highway 24 to the Hanford Site. The opposite route will be followed for the late afternoon return to Yakima. 300 Area riders will be picked up around 4 p.m. The van's monthly expenses are \$1,000. Contact Jesse Allen at 528-0614 (Hanford work) or (509) 972-4773 (Yakima home) or **Doug Chapin** at 373-9396 (Hanford work) or (509) 966-8973 (Yakima home). 8/25 ♦